

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 2013 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors R. Hollingworth (Leader), M. A. Sherrey (Deputy Leader),
D. W. P. Booth, M. A. Bullivant, C. B. Taylor and M. J. A. Webb

Officers: Ms J. Pickering, Mrs S. Sellers and Ms R. Cole

54/13 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

55/13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

56/13 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 25th September 2013 and 2nd October 2013 were submitted.

RESOLVED that in each case the minutes be approved as a correct record.

57/13 **AUDIT BOARD**

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Board held on 19th September 2013 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

58/13 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 14th October 2013 were submitted.

In relation to minute 40/13 (Planning Policy Task Group Report – 12 Month Review of Recommendations) Councillor C. B. Taylor stated that he had requested that a list of written questions for the Head of Planning and Regeneration be submitted.

In relation to minute 42/13 (Cabinet Work Programme) Councillor M. J. A. Webb clarified that the Car Parking Review report would be considered by Cabinet in December and then by the following Overview and Scrutiny Board. Whilst he had referred to November as a target date this was the date by

which he was expecting to receive the report as the responsible Portfolio Holder.

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

59/13 **WORCESTERSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee held on 26th September 2013 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

60/13 **LIST OF LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS**

The Cabinet considered a report on the preparation of a Local Heritage List for the Bromsgrove District.

It was reported that the purpose of a Local List was to identify heritage assets which are valued by local communities and contribute to the character and local distinctiveness of an area.

It was noted that the use of Local Lists was promoted by the National Planning Policy Framework, the Proposed Submission Bromsgrove District Plan and English Heritage. It was reported that the Local List was separate from Statutory Listing which related to buildings of national importance.

It was noted that the first stage in the process of preparing and adopting the Local List was to consult on the draft selection criteria identified. Following agreement of the criteria, a draft Local List could be drawn up.

Members felt that it was important to prepare a Local List to formally identify the locally important heritage assets within the District.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the preparation of a Local Heritage List for Bromsgrove in accordance with the processes outlined in the report and appendix be approved;
- (b) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Planning and Regeneration to carry out all steps in relation to the process referred to above; and
- (c) that in exercising the delegation the Head of Planning and Regeneration consult with the Portfolio Holder for Planning in respect of the approval of the draft selection criteria and the final lists.

61/13 **BROMSGROVE TOWN CENTRE -PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS**

The Cabinet considered a report on the funding arrangements for the improvements to the Public Realm in the High Street and Worcester Road, Bromsgrove.

The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) reminded Members that the scheme of improvements to the Town Centre was being funded by Worcestershire County Council and by the District Council. It was noted that the total cost of £2,400,000 included £2,050,000 in respect of High Street works and £350,000 in respect of works in Worcester Road.

The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) referred to section 3.3 of the report which set out the various funding elements of the scheme some of which related to future capital receipts being generated.

It was noted that the report was requesting Members to consider amending the 2013/2014 Capital Programme to reflect the current position and to include £350,000 in the 2014/2015 Capital Programme in respect of the works in Worcester Road which would initially be funded by the County Council with repayment to be made from future capital receipts generated from Town Centre assets.

As part of the discussion on this item Members requested that temporary boarding be placed around the Hanover Street Car Park site to improve the appearance of the area.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the Capital Programme 2013/2014 be revised to £1,150,000 to reflect the element of the project to be funded by Bromsgrove District Council from current capital receipts available; and
- (b) that £350,000 be included in the Capital Programme 2014/2015 to reflect the cost to the District Council of the works to the Public Realm in Worcester Road to be funded from future capital receipts.

62/13 **THE CROSS INN, FINSTALL - APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION ON REGISTER OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

The Cabinet considered a report on a request to list the Cross Inn, Finstall as an Asset of Community Value.

Having considered the report and noted the amount and type of community use at the premises, it was

RESOLVED that the listing of The Cross Inn, Finstall as an Asset of Community Value be not supported.

The meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.

Chairman